
SECTION 02110 - SITE CLEARING

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 1 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes the following:
 - 1. Protection of existing trees.
 - 2. Removal of trees and other vegetation.
 - 3. Topsoil stripping.
 - 4. Clearing and grubbing.
 - 5. Removing above-grade improvements.
 - 6. Removing below-grade improvements.

1.3 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Traffic: Conduct site clearing operations to ensure minimum interference with roads, streets, walks, and other adjacent occupied or used facilities. Do not close or obstruct streets, walks or other occupied or used facilities without permission from authorities having jurisdiction.
- B. Protection of Existing Improvements: Provide protections necessary to prevent damage to existing improvements indicated to remain in place.
 - 1. Protect improvements on adjoining properties and on Government property.
 - 2. Restore damaged improvements to their original condition, as acceptable to the Government.



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- C. Protection of Existing Trees and Vegetation: Protect existing trees and other vegetation indicated to remain in place, against unnecessary cutting, breaking or skinning of roots, skinning or bruising of bark, smothering of trees by stockpiling construction materials or excavated materials within drip line, excess foot or vehicular traffic, or parking of vehicles within drip line. Provide temporary guards to protect trees and vegetation to be left standing.
1. Water trees and other vegetation to remain within limits of contract work as required to maintain their health during course of construction operations.
 2. Provide protection for roots over 40mm (1-1/2 inch) diameter that are cut during construction operations. Coat cut faces with an emulsified asphalt, or other acceptable coating, formulated for use on damaged plant tissues. Temporarily cover exposed roots with wet burlap to prevent roots from drying out; cover with earth as soon as possible.
 3. Repair or replace trees and vegetation indicated to remain which are damaged by construction operations, in a manner acceptable to Contracting Officer's Representative. Employ a licensed arborist to repair damages to trees and shrubs.
 4. Replace trees which cannot be repaired and restored to full-growth status, as determined by arborist.
- D. Improvements on Adjoining Property: Authority for performing removal and alteration work on property adjoining Government property will be obtained by the Government prior to award of contract.
1. Extent of work on adjacent property is indicated on Drawings.
- E. Salvable Improvements: Carefully remove items indicated to be salvaged, and store on Government premises where indicated or directed.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

- A. Not applicable to this Section.



PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 SITE CLEARING

- A. General: Remove trees, shrubs, grass and other vegetation, improvements, or obstructions as required to permit installation of new construction. Remove similar items elsewhere on site or premises as specifically indicated. "Removal" includes digging out and off-site disposing of stumps and roots.
 - 1. Cut minor roots and branches of trees indicated to remain in a clean and careful manner, where such roots and branches obstruct installation of new construction.

- B. Topsoil: Topsoil is defined as friable clay loam surface soil found in a depth of not less than 100mm (4 inches). Satisfactory topsoil is reasonably free of subsoil, clay lumps, stones, and other objects over 50mm (2 inches) in diameter, and without weeds, roots, and other objectionable material.
 - 1. Strip topsoil to whatever depths encountered in a manner to prevent intermingling with underlying subsoil or other objectionable material.
 - a. Remove heavy growths of grass from areas before stripping.
 - b. Where existing trees are indicated to remain, leave existing topsoil in place within drip lines to prevent damage to root system.
 - 2. Stockpile topsoil in storage piles in areas indicated or directed. Construct storage piles to provide free drainage of surface water. Cover storage piles, if required, to prevent wind erosion.
 - 3. Dispose of unsuitable or excess topsoil same as specified for disposal of waste material.



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- C. Clearing and Grubbing: Clear site of trees, shrubs and other vegetation, except for those indicated to be left standing.
 - 1. Completely remove stumps, roots, and other debris protruding through ground surface.
 - 2. Use only hand methods for grubbing inside drip line of trees indicated to remain.
 - 3. Fill depressions caused by clearing and grubbing operations with satisfactory soil material, unless further excavation or earthwork is indicated.
 - a. Place fill material in horizontal layers not exceeding 150mm (6 inches) loose depth, and thoroughly compact to a density equal to adjacent original ground.
 - D. Removal of Improvements: Remove existing above-grade and below-grade improvements as indicated and as necessary to facilitate new construction.
 - 1. Abandonment or removal of certain underground pipe or conduits may be indicated on mechanical or electrical drawings, and is included under work of related Division 15 and 16 sections. Removal of abandoned underground piping or conduit interfering with construction is included under this Section.

3.2 DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS

- A. Burning on Government Property: Burning is not permitted on Government property.
- B. Removal from Government Property: Remove waste materials and unsuitable or excess topsoil from Government property.

END OF SECTION 02110

